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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

*Please amend the paragraph at page 23 line 33 through page 24 line 14 as follows:*

The following discussion generally assumes that each end user 21 previously has registered with central hub 12, and that in the registration process has provided hub 12 with information regarding the type and version of his or her PIM 204 and/or 208 and/or of his or her interface program 206, as applicable in the embodiment, as well as the communication channel and address on that channel to ~~reach~~ which contact records are to be sent. Alternatively, end user 21 might transmit any of such information in connection with each request for contact information. In either case, hub 12, the PIM 204 or 208, or the stand-alone interface program 206, may instead include functionality to automatically detect the types of programs (and the versions thereof) used by terminal 200 and/or to automatically transmit such information to hub 12 (e.g., by automatically embedding such information into a search request). In any event, hub 12 preferably will have the knowledge to correctly format and appropriately transmit any contact information requested by end user 21 (assuming that the end user 21's PIM and the communications channel used by end user 21 are in fact supported by hub 12).

*Please amend the paragraph at page 32 line 30 through page 33 line 4 as follows:*

Also, where end user 21 is permitted to select from among multiple different query types, each corresponding to a different format, a code may be inserted into header information for the transmission indicating what the current format of the transmission is. Such header information may also ~~included~~ include other preferences of end user 21, such as: the communication channel to be used for transmitting the desired contact information, the specific address on the communication channel to which the information is to be sent, the format in which such

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information is to be transmitted back to terminal 200, and/or any of the other settings that are described herein as being user-configurable.

*Please amend the paragraph at page 35 line 33 through page 36 line 9 as follows:*

As shown in Figure 11, interface 280 includes an “additional information” field ~~281~~ 288. Such information might correspond to field 166 (shown in Figure 5) and therefore might already include information provided by contact 14 which may then be supplemented by end user 21. Alternatively, in certain embodiments of the invention and depending upon the functionality and/or display capabilities of PIM 204 or interface program 206, field ~~281~~ 288 might be provided as a separate field, in addition to a field (not shown) that displays the information input into field 166 by contact 14. In either event, requesting end user 21 preferably is permitted to enter information into a field ~~281~~ 288, e.g., to record his or her own notes regarding contact 14 and/or to include links to other contact records in PIM 204 or PIM 208.